

|               |  |  |                               |
|---------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| FORM PTO-1449 | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | Sheet 1 of 1                           |                               |
|               |  | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.<br>1760.1001       | APPLICATION NO.<br>10/748,234 |
|               |  | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR<br>Shigeo YAGUCHI |                               |
|               |  | FILING DATE<br>December 31, 2003       | GROUP ART UNIT<br>3734        |

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

*(Use several sheets if necessary)*

### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL |    | DOCUMENT<br>NO.   | DATE                 | NAME         | CLASS | SUB-<br>CLASS | FILING<br>DATE |
|----------------------|----|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| /V.B./               | AA | 3,656,481         | April 18,<br>1972    | Ness         |       |               |                |
|                      | AB | 5,376,099         | December<br>27, 1994 | Ellis et al. |       |               |                |
|                      | AC | 5,242,450         | September<br>7, 1993 | McDonald     |       |               |                |
|                      | AD | 5,407,441         | April 18,<br>1995    | Greenbaum    |       |               |                |
|                      | AE | 6,231,583         | May 15,<br>2001      | Lee          |       |               |                |
|                      | AF | 6,560,916         | May 13,<br>2003      | Maxim        |       |               |                |
|                      | AG | 2002/<br>0055753  | May 9,<br>2002       | Silvestrini  |       |               |                |
|                      | AH | 2003/<br>0007925* | January 9,<br>2003   | Khan et al.  |       |               |                |
| /V.B./               | AI | 6,752,086**       | June 22,<br>2004     | Kravel       |       |               |                |

\* RELATED

\*\* RELATED

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

| TRANSLATION |    |
|-------------|----|
| YES         | NO |

|        |    |   |  |  |
|--------|----|---|--|--|
| /V.B./ | AJ | Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Ed., page 126, definition of "blunt"   |  |  |
|        | AK | "Surgical Instruments 101, An Introduction to KMedic Certified Instruments" by Kapczynski, 1997, 15 pp  |  |  |
|        | AL | "The History and Evolution of Surgical Instruments, IX, Scissors and Related Pivot-Controlled Cutting Instruments," by Kirkup, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Ann R. Coll Surg. Engl 1998, 80: 422-432 |  |  |
|        | AM | Combined Tactical Systems, Inc. v. Defense Tech. Corp. of America, Southern Dist. Court of New York, Opinion dated April 4, 2006**  |  |  |
| /V.B./ | AN | Decision on Appeal, Ex Parte Khan, PTO Bd. Of Appeals and Interferences, Appeal No. 2007-2211, dated January 30, 2008*  |  |  |

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| EXAMINER<br><br>/s/ Vy Bui/ (06/28/2011)  | DATE CONSIDERED |
| *EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. |                 |